

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SANTA BARBARA DECLARING ITS INTENT TO  
ACQUIRE ACCESS TO THE REAR OF HOPE  
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WHEREAS, Hope Reservoir (Facility) is a one million gallon, water storage reservoir constructed in 1970 at 830 Centinela Drive (APN 047-102-017), near Campanil Drive to provide water service to the surrounding area;

WHEREAS, the Facility is located on the highest ground in the southwestern part of the City and has been used for the City's placement of critical communications equipment in the rear of the Facility that serves Police, Fire, Public Works, Airport, and Water and Wastewater facilities;

WHEREAS, the Facility is almost as wide as the property which has resulted in only a narrow two-and-one-half foot wide pedestrian path that provides access to the rear of the Facility;

WHEREAS, in order to gain access as needed to clean the Facility and to operate and maintain the City's critical communications equipment, City staff and vehicles have been crossing the undeveloped adjacent parcel (APN 047-102-018) on the westerly side of the City's property without the benefit of an easement; and

WHEREAS, if and when the adjacent parcel on the westerly side of the Facility is developed in the future, City staff would lose their ability to access the rear of the Facility with City equipment, which would severely compromise and reduce City staff's ability to operate and maintain the critical City communications equipment, as well as clean and maintain the reservoir.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Council authorizes the Public Works Director or designee to negotiate an easement or purchase of vacant real property at APN 047-102-018 from the owner.